

**U.S. District Court  
Southern District of New York (Foley Square)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-11503-ER**

Human Rights Watch v. U.S. Central Command et al  
Assigned to: Judge Edgardo Ramos  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/10/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/10/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against Office of the Secretary of Defense, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Air Force, U.S. Department of the Army, U.S. Department of the Navy, U.S. Marine Corps. (Filing Fee \$ 400.00, Receipt Number ANYSDC-16030141) Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibits)(Langford, John) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>2</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed. (Langford, John) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>3</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – DEFICIENT PLEADING – SUMMONS REQUEST PDF ERROR – REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS</b> as to U.S. Department of the Air Force, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) Modified on 12/11/2018 (pne). (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>4</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – DEFICIENT PLEADING – SUMMONS REQUEST PDF ERROR – REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS</b> as to U.S. Department of the Army, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) Modified on 12/11/2018 (pne). (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>5</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to U.S. Central Command, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>6</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – DEFICIENT PLEADING – SUMMONS REQUEST PDF ERROR – REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS</b> as to U.S. Marine Corps, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) Modified on 12/11/2018 (pne). (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>7</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – DEFICIENT PLEADING – SUMMONS REQUEST PDF ERROR – REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS</b> as to U.S. Department of the Navy, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) Modified on 12/11/2018 (pne). (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>8</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – DEFICIENT PLEADING – SUMMONS REQUEST PDF ERROR – REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS</b> as to Office of the Secretary of Defense, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) Modified on 12/11/2018 (pne). (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>9</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to U.S. Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/10/2018	<u>10</u>	FIRST RULE 7.1 CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. No Corporate Parent. Document filed by Human Rights Watch.(Langford, John) (Entered: 12/10/2018)
12/11/2018		CASE OPENING INITIAL ASSIGNMENT NOTICE: The above–entitled action is assigned to Judge Edgardo Ramos. Please download and review the Individual Practices of the assigned District Judge, located at <a href="http://nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/District">http://nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/District</a> . Attorneys are responsible for providing courtesy copies to judges where their Individual Practices require such. Please

		download and review the ECF Rules and Instructions, located at <a href="http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf_filing.php">http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf_filing.php</a> . (pne) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
12/11/2018		Magistrate Judge Kevin Nathaniel Fox is so designated. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(1) parties are notified that they may consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge. Parties who wish to consent may access the necessary form at the following link: <a href="http://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms.php">http://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms.php</a> . (pne) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
12/11/2018		Case Designated ECF. (pne) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
12/11/2018	<u>11</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to U.S. Central Command. (pne) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
12/11/2018	<u>12</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to U.S. Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General. (pne) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
12/11/2018		<b>***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING DEFICIENT REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS. Notice to Attorney John Langford to RE-FILE Document No. <u>3</u> Request for Issuance of Summons, <u>7</u> Request for Issuance of Summons, <u>8</u> Request for Issuance of Summons, <u>6</u> Request for Issuance of Summons, <u>4</u> Request for Issuance of Summons. The filing is deficient for the following reason(s): party name in the 'To' field on the PDF does not match party name on pleading. Re-file the document using the event type Request for Issuance of Summons found under the event list Service of Process – select the correct filer/filers – and attach the correct summons form PDF. (pne) (Entered: 12/11/2018)</b>
12/20/2018	<u>13</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – WRONG EVENT TYPE SELECTED FROM MENU – REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF AMENDED SUMMONS</b> as to U.S. Department of the Air Force, re: <u>1</u> Complaint. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) Modified on 12/21/2018 (sj). (Entered: 12/20/2018)
12/20/2018	<u>14</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – WRONG EVENT TYPE SELECTED FROM MENU – REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF AMENDED SUMMONS</b> as to U.S. Department of the Army, re: <u>1</u> Complaint. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) Modified on 12/21/2018 (sj). (Entered: 12/20/2018)
12/20/2018	<u>15</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – WRONG EVENT TYPE SELECTED FROM MENU – REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF AMENDED SUMMONS</b> as to U.S. Marine Corps, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) Modified on 12/21/2018 (sj). (Entered: 12/20/2018)
12/20/2018	<u>16</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – WRONG EVENT TYPE SELECTED FROM MENU – REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF AMENDED SUMMONS</b> as to U.S. Department of the Navy, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) Modified on 12/21/2018 (sj). (Entered: 12/20/2018)
12/20/2018	<u>17</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – DEFICIENT REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS PDF ERROR REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF AMENDED SUMMONS</b> as to U.S. Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General, re: <u>1</u> Complaint. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) Modified on 12/21/2018 (sj). (Entered: 12/20/2018)
12/20/2018	<u>18</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to Office of the Secretary of Defense, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) (Entered: 12/20/2018)
12/21/2018	<u>19</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to Office of the Secretary of Defense. (sj) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018		<b>***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING DEFICIENT REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS. Notice to Attorney John Langford to RE-FILE Document No. <u>15</u> Request for Issuance of Amended Summons, <u>16</u> Request for Issuance of Amended Summons, <u>14</u> Request for Issuance of Amended Summons, <u>13</u> Request for Issuance of Amended Summons. The filing is deficient for the following reason(s): the wrong event type was used to file the request for issuance of summons; Amended Summonses are only issued to parties who have been</b>

		previously issued one. Re-file the document using the event type Request for Issuance of Summons found under the event list Service of Process – select the correct filer/filers – and attach the correct summons form PDF. (sj) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/21/2018		<b>***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING DEFICIENT REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS. Notice to Attorney John Langford to RE-FILE Document No. <u>17</u> Request for Issuance of Amended Summons. The filing is deficient for the following reason(s): the PDF attached to the docket entry for the issuance of summons is not correct; PDF must also state "AMENDED". Re-file the document using the event type Request for Issuance of Summons found under the event list Service of Process – select the correct filer/filers – and attach the correct summons form PDF. (sj) (Entered: 12/21/2018)</b>
12/22/2018	<u>20</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to U.S. Department of the Air Force, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) (Entered: 12/22/2018)
12/22/2018	<u>21</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to U.S. Department of the Army, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) (Entered: 12/22/2018)
12/22/2018	<u>22</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to U.S. Marine Corps, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) (Entered: 12/22/2018)
12/22/2018	<u>23</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to U.S. Department of the Navy, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by Human Rights Watch. (Langford, John) (Entered: 12/22/2018)
12/27/2018	<u>24</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to U.S. Department of the Air Force. (dnh) (Entered: 12/27/2018)
12/27/2018	<u>25</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to U.S. Department of the Army. (dnh) (Entered: 12/27/2018)
12/27/2018	<u>26</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to U.S. Marine Corps. (dnh) (Entered: 12/27/2018)
12/27/2018	<u>27</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to U.S. Department of the Navy. (dnh) (Entered: 12/27/2018)
01/18/2019	<u>28</u>	CONSENT LETTER MOTION to Stay <i>and to toll deadlines pending restoration of Justice Department appropriations</i> addressed to Judge Edgardo Ramos from David S. Jones dated January 18, 2019. Document filed by Office of the Secretary of Defense, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Air Force, U.S. Department of the Army, U.S. Department of the Navy, U.S. Marine Corps. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit standing order staying certain civil actions pending restoration of Justice Department funding)(Jones, David) (Entered: 01/18/2019)
01/22/2019	<u>29</u>	ORDER granting <u>28</u> Letter Motion to Stay. In light of the lapse of funding to the United States Department of Justice, it is hereby ordered that, absent other direction or order from the Court, (1) this case is hereby stayed until the business day after the President signs into law a budget appropriation that restores Department of Justice funding; and (2) all court deadlines, including scheduling order deadlines, are hereby tolled during the government shutdown and extended thereafter for a period of time equal to the number of calendar days between January 10, 2019, and the date the President signs into law a budget appropriation that restores Department of Justice funding. SO ORDERED. (Signed by Judge Edgardo Ramos on 1/22/2019) (kv) (Entered: 01/22/2019)
03/05/2019	<u>30</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Sarah Sheive Normand on behalf of Office of the Secretary of Defense, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Air Force, U.S. Department of the Army, U.S. Department of the Navy, U.S. Marine Corps. (Normand, Sarah) (Entered: 03/05/2019)

03/05/2019	<u>31</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Samuel Hilliard Dolinger on behalf of Office of the Secretary of Defense, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Department of Defense Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of the Air Force, U.S. Department of the Army, U.S. Department of the Navy, U.S. Marine Corps. (Dolinger, Samuel) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
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